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mile south of the toll-house. It is known as Dr. McNutt's Marsh, and is about 60 rods from the road."

"All the plants I send you are young ones: the question is, did they grow from this year's seed? You will, on examination, find tiny red points in the bark of this year's wood, and observe that the largest plants are in the older wood, and that none of them are the plants of last summer's growth."

76. Note from Dr. Gray.—Mr. Peck of Albany sent me, early last autumn, a good specimen of a parasite on *Abies nigra*, asking what it was. I replied that it was the female of an *Arceuthobium*, most likely *A. campylopodium* of Engelmann—to whom I advised he should send specimens; that the discovery was an interesting and unexpected one. As Dr. Engelmann seems to have been supplied with much smaller and less developed specimens than I was, I venture to suspect that he will yet conclude that it is his *A. campylopodium*.

The curious thing about the discovery is: 1st, that it should not have been detected before; 2nd, that it should, after all this over-looking, be found during the same season by two persons, in three different counties, and so abundant as to disfigure or even to destroy the trees it infests.

I did not answer your communication at once, because I knew that the plant had already been brought to the knowledge of the Torrey Club, and because I sent it at once, with the specimen, to Dr. Engelmann, who has only now returned it.

December 4th, 1871.

A. G.

77. *Sesuvium*.—Mr. Merriam informs us that Dr. Gray has written him as follows: "No doubt your *Sesuvium* is *S. pentandrum*, and that *that* is a good species. I have no specimens of *S. Portulacastrum* from the Northern States. Equally I have *now* no doubt but that *S. sessile*, Nutt. (not DC.), is this *S. pentandrum*, as you say in the Bulletin."

78. New Stations.—*Erodium cicutarium*, L'Her.; Wallabout Swamp, on Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, nearly opposite the hat factory.—*Lysimachia vulgaris*, L.; West Flushing.—*Pedicularis lanceolata*, L.; New Lots and Centreville, L. I.—*Origanum vulgare*, L.; Gowanus, Centreville, &c., L. I.—*Nicandra physaloides*, Gærtn.; Woodhaven, L. I. M. RUGER.

79. Notes and Queries.—I am desirous of obtaining peculiar forms of *Lechea*, especially from the south, and more particularly from Florida and the West Indies. I shall feel under much obligation to any one who will assist me by loan, exchange, or otherwise.

WM. H. LEGGETT, 224, E. Tenth St., N. Y.

H. H. Babcock, 11, 18th St., Chicago, Ill., has for exchange plants from the vicinity of Chicago.

Those who have experience in the examination of plants would do a good service by imparting the results. What, for example, is the best mode of getting at an embryo enclosed in horny albumen?

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